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In Holt county, we now have the following yards established; and being extensive purchasers from first hands we are therefore able to give you lower figures than any other firm in the county.
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Hoblitzell Winch & Co, Maitland,
Hoblitzell & Pinkston, Oregon

HOME NEWS

Some men hold great wealth and power, some men hold jury boxes, and sometimes some men hold their tongues. Hundreds visited the river last week.

Wild geese flew over this town on Thursday night of last week—a very unusual thing so late in the year.

Clark Philbrick has moved his shop into the room occupied formerly by Judge Daniel Zook.

Arthur E. Pierce, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, died last Sunday at his home near Hollister, Mo., of Paralysis, aged 46 years.

Mrs. Kellogg will teach a private school, commencing next Monday, in the room heretofore occupied by her in the Normal Building.

Rev. Blanchard came down "in a skiff" from White Cloud last week. He returns as soon as possible to his missionary work among the Kansans.

May 2d: It has now been over three weeks since we saw an Omaha paper. What mountains of mail are due this place! What will become of it all? Where is it?

An experienced potato grower assured us lately that if you will cut off that end of the potato that has most eyes and throw it away, you will grow much larger potatoes.

A fool and his money are soon parted. A generous man soon becomes the mark for every swindler and thief. Therefore a rich man can be neither a fool nor a generous man.

Last week, at several points in the bottom, lights were hoisted and guns discharged by people who were trying to make known their dangerous situation to others. It was reported, that in many instances, it was impossible to reach some of them.

Glue put in whiskey dissolves in a few days and keeps splendidly if corked up. So will singlass make a cement to bind leather as tight as if sewed. So will gum tragacanth thus dissolved make a splendid paste for paper.

Attorney C. C. Aiken was in our city last week. He is a victim of the flood. Feeling very poor, he naturally, as all intelligent men do, subscribed for THE COUNTY PAPER. He says he wants now, more than ever, to know what the rest of the world is up to.

Never quote everybody. Never justify an opinion or act by saying everybody does the like. Everybody is often wrong. Everybody goes like sheep after the bell weather or like wild geese following their leaders in a wild goose triangle.

The first picnic of the season will be held on the close of W. B. Hoffmann's school, in Mrs. Conn's grove, three miles south of Oregon, Saturday, May 21. Singing, Croqueting, feasting, and speaking. Music will be furnished by the choir and Zook's orchestra. Everybody invited.

Those who have most bitterly opposed the herd law, will be taught by these floods how it is themselves. We are confident were it put to vote this fall there would be a different result. Men could grow splendid crops safely in the bottom in spite of overflows if it were not for the need of fencing.

We would we could attack monopolies without engendering hatred in the hearts of individuals towards us; but that is impossible. We talk for the public good when we recommend free roads, bridges and ferries; if we cannot have them free, then let us have them cheap; so cheap the charges will be a mere insignificant trifle.

Rev. B. S. Waggoner will preach at Pierce school house, May 8, at 11 A. M., and at Forbes at 4 P. M. On the 14th at Brush college at 2 P. M. will be the third quarterly meeting. The officers of the church are expected to be in attendance. On the 15th at 11 A. M., public services at Shiloh school house.

The short account about Uncle Tom will interest some of our readers. The Devil was never so black as he has been painted, but slavery was ever darker than any pencil dipped in the darkest gloom of Hades could portray. The last slave ever sold on the steps of our Court House was a beautiful white girl whose mother was a slave. The screams of that mother, when separated from her children could be heard all over this town site.

Rev. Mr. Miller will preach at New Point, next Sabbath morning and evening.

A freight train came up to Forest City from St. Joseph last Wednesday for the first time. Hundreds of men are now on the road watching.

Goose dead. The St. Joe Sun after starting out so bravely, died a natural death after a few days. We can't all fast like Tanner.

We saw a pair of beautiful black stallions in town last week, owned by a Mr. Stevens who has bought the Billy Baskins place, southeast of here.

John S. Moore, who lives on the George Tritt place, near Oregon, has a span of fine work horses, wagon and harness for sale on reasonable terms.

The contract to repair the Court House was awarded to Moses Bennett of this place. We are glad of this, for Mr. Bennett is the right man in the right place, in this instance.

Our readers will understand that we cannot get our usual supply of paper so long as all communication with the north by railway is cut off. Until that is restored we are obliged to get what paper we use from St. Joseph.

Hear all sides; then decide. If you, at any time, feel a hatred towards any doctrine or opinion of your fellow men, you may be certain that you are wrong, even though said doctrines or opinions may not be right.

The unfortunate residents of the low lands around Bigelow were very kindly pitied and relieved by the Mound City folks, who spared nothing in their efforts to aid them and opened their door to those driven from their homes.

Some men seem utterly incapable of reasoning. Prejudice, caprice or passion controls them on every subject. He alone is the true man who can take up a subject he hates, examine it dispassionately and adopt or reject it as the weight of arguments inclines one way or the other.

If you want birds around your home, encourage them. Get your boys to put up poles with boxes for half a dozen or more colonies in each box. One kind of a bird calls others. String gourds on wires, put little holes in them and wrens will build nests in them if you will hang them safe from the cats and black snakes. Make the holes just large enough for the wrens. They are most useful and musical. Other birds will come.

The News of St. Joseph seems to confide in the old saying—"If it rains on Easter there will be rain for the seven Sundays following," and says it rained there on Easter and also the next Sunday after. But not a drop fell here on either of the Sundays, although it rained here last Sunday. The fact of rain, drought, heat, cold, etc., going in streaks; that while the wind may be blowing here from the south at a terrible rate, it may be blowing from the north a few miles west of us or from the east a few miles north of us ought to dispose of all confidence in predictions founded on ground hog movements of Sunday rains.

Our merchants who had sent their money for their tobacco licenses had to stop selling Monday, fearing lest their licenses might not come. No doubt spies were on the look out to catch some of them. However, in the evening Mr. Moulter came home from St. Joseph with the licenses and all is now safe. Such laws! How the people do curse such tyranny. Unhappily they would vote it down. But for years after they submit, grinding their teeth. The long abuse and submission ought to warn all people of the danger of extending to a General Government such power. Reform is impossible, almost, where the General Government is concerned.

If the young farmers who take this paper will each keep a good sized blank book and pencil, and note down items of interest to them in their business, they will find the advantage in time. Take for instance, the item how to preserve shingles. If it costs fifty dollars to shingle a roof that will last ten years, what will a roof that will last twenty years be worth? Yet it is just as easy to put on a roof to last twenty years or more, or put down posts to last as long again as ordinary posts, and cost not over twenty-five cents extra. The Rural New Yorker says, that an excellent preservative of shingles is a strong solution of salt and lime. Make this in a water-tight box or other receptacle, no matter how rude, and steep the shingles for a few hours, and they will last much longer for the treatment, will be nearly fire-proof, and will give no bad taste to the water from the roof when collected in a cistern.

R. E. Jester, a former resident of Holt county, now of Columbia, Mo., is visiting friends in Oregon.

On Saturday night during the severe thunder storm the depot building at Forest City, was struck by lightning. Two men who were in it, were stunned by the shock and several papers, etc., were burned by fire communicated by the lightning.

Our Shiloh correspondent accuses a neighbor of having a sheep-killing dog, and of keeping it knowingly. We have no right whatever to make public any one's name thus accused. We believe it would be libelous. Every man thinks his own dog the best; every crow thinks his own young the whitest.

Always allow your children to make their home pleasant. Let them choose what things please them. Let them begin to own something, and do not let them suspect you of being able to do such injustice. Then your children will stay at home till the proper flitting time comes.

It is plainly to be seen that great storms are prevailing far to the north and northwest of us. The warm winds blowing up to these regions, still covered with ice and snow, naturally cause great clouds and very extensive electrical phenomena. Lightning is caused by the sudden mingling of extremely warm and cold currents of air. We may look for many very severe storms this spring.

We hear some men say that the bottom lands will never be worth anything. Why so? There are extensive regions in the East, of low lands subject to overflow every year, that bring the highest prices per acre. Land is valuable for what it produces. These bottom lands will always pay the highest per cent, on the investment of any in the West. People need not live on lands to cultivate them.

Many of our readers have been yet brought by teams from St. Joseph. Were this condition to continue it would require about fifty teams to be on the road constantly, between here and St. Joseph to serve this neighborhood. It would make business much more lively, than it ever has been since the railroad was finished. In addition there would be daily lines of stages with passengers. All would be lively and stirring the liveliest day when now all is quiet and dead. To sum it all up in a nut shell, without the railways is done incessantly by the constant movement of hundreds of men with vehicles, with the railways, is done with one tremendous rush and roar in a few moments.

Some men think it is a great thing to get a rich man to settle in their town, and seem to care very little about a poor man's coming in. The fact is, an enterprising workman is of more benefit to a town in all likelihood, than several rich men. He will build, contract, stir about, do something. We helped build a town in Nebraska in early days—1855. The few speculators and capitalists did no good. One poor widow woman built more houses, exhibited more public spirit than all these men. Twenty-one years later we revisited the scenes of our early nettletraps. We found the leading citizens to-day are those who were poor men and boys and girls who came to live out in any capacity. All the best houses built by them—all the leading business conducted by them. And the rich men and their descendants—where are they? Gone out; gone where the woodbine twines; up!

We hope those who have been driven from the bottom, and who cannot find places on the higher grounds, will not be so entirely discouraged as to "let go all holds." These bottom lands are the most productive in the world. From all we can learn, this season is very unlike that of 1844, when it rained almost every day from March until July, and reflooded the low lands incessantly. By herding cattle and growing root crops, millet, etc., much may yet be done. We are almost certain of a late growing season, with very late frosts. It may turn out to be one of the best corn seasons ever known. So far as sickness is concerned, we believe there is no reason to fear anything worse than common. As during the grasshopper years, our fears may be groundless. It will be many weeks, ere the mountain rose reaches us, and if the waters now prevailing shall be well drained off ere long, there is no probability of danger as things now look. On the contrary, we have every reason to hope the worst is over and that brighter prospects are ahead. A lesson has been learned if we will take it, and that is, "permanently improvements will not do on the bottom."

Rev. Mr. Carothers will preach in Oregon next Sabbath forenoon and evening.

H. C. Long, of Bigelow, has signed to A. T. & S. F. railroad for putting his wife off at the wrong station.

At Leavenworth the water has forced a passage east of the bridge and the city is now far removed from the river. Eve News.

Wagon tires three to three-and-a-half inches wide are coming into fashion. They roll over the ground much easier.

The infant daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Coleman was buried on Tuesday afternoon. The bereaved mother has the sympathies of our citizens in her affliction.

Married, at the residence of L. S. Crouser, the father of the bride, on Thursday, April 7, Mr. Geo. Gentry to Miss Dora Crouser. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. Schlottbauer.

Mr. Richard Hahn, who settled in the bottom in 1838, almost forty-four years ago, says this is the largest overflow he has ever seen, by at least six inches. So we are credibly informed.

One of the greatest public interests of our region is sheep growing. The injury every year to sheep by dogs is incalculable. A sheep-killing dog should be served with just exactly the same consideration given to a mad dog.

The East is beginning to surpass the West in corn growing. Good cultivation is there bringing their crops up to from sixty to one hundred bushels per acre. Weeds and corn will grow well together.

The buffalo berry of the west makes a splendid hedge and furnishes a most delicious wholesome fruit. The service berry of the east flourishes here and is as good as the strawberry. There are but one or two patches of the service berry in Holt county.

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The Plattsburg Laver says there are some firms in its county that refuse to advertise in its columns, because it advocates temperance. That is heathenish. But there are some temperance people just as bad. A man must have a mighty small calibre who is drawn by such narrow prejudices. There are six horse teams with a leader man and one horse men. Such men are wheelbarrows and small barrows too.

Quite a revival of interest in Spiritualism in some of the larger cities. At St. Joseph a public meeting to investigate it was called this week. How singular this delusion should last so long, ever since 1848, in fact, and to-day count among its adherents many of the greatest students of the age. Late-ly one of the highest courts of the nation actually decided that a belief in Spiritualism is not a *prima facie* evidence of insanity!! Wonders will never cease.

Some person wrote to a man in New Jersey, who writes for some of the great magazines learned and instructive articles on birds, fish, etc., to know if in his opinion the English larks and robins could be introduced here. The learned man replied that the birds would not do well on the wild prairies of the West, as they preferred to be near wheat fields and meadow lands. Now this man's astonishing ignorance is a fair sample of the ideas prevailing among the Atlantic coast people about our country.

Who Wants Money?

I have at my disposal a sum of money to be loaned on real estate security in Holt county. Will be loaned in amounts from One Hundred to Three Thousand Dollars, at Ten per cent, payable annually, and on reasonable terms. Long loans preferred (three or five years), but will loan for a shorter time if desired. As this is "Home Money," borrower will experience no delay and no trouble of any kind; and home money at "straight" Ten per cent, is cheaper than foreign money at "crooked" eight per cent., where the borrower has to pay big commissions to an agent and big fees for preparing a large mass of papers. For further information apply to
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